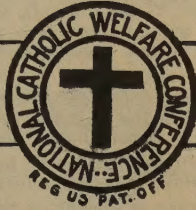


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—Pope Pius XI.

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Our Common Catholic Interests

AT an International Catholic Film Congress held in recent weeks in Brussels, Belgium, great interest was shown in the Legion of Decency of the United States and two recommendations made during the congress aroused special interest among the delegates.

U. S. Legion
Of Decency
Well Received in
Brussels Meeting

It was proposed that film appreciation committees, modeled along the lines of the Legion of Decency in the United States, be set up in all countries. These committees, it was further proposed, would send reviews of the motion pictures produced in their respective countries to the International Catholic Office on the Cinema in Brussels, which in turn would forward these reviews to the national committees of other countries. It was also recommended that all Catholics engaged in the production and distribution of films unite in every country to give collective expression to their views.

A report submitted by Monsignor John J. McClafferty, as executive secretary of the Legion of Decency, entitled "The Influence of the Cinema on the Public and by the Public" and read by Edmund E. Cummings, representative of War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference, in the British zone of Germany, who also represented the National Legion of Decency of the U. S. at the meeting, stated that the success of the Legion of Decency has been due to its determined efforts to steer clear of all other aspects of the motion picture industry and concentrate exclusively on evaluating "feature length motion

pictures according to Christian standards of morality and decency."

"To effectively accomplish its ends the work of the Legion of Decency must enjoy the confidence of the public," the report continued. "It must earn this confidence of the public by intelligent, objective and disinterested criticism of films."

"Although welcoming the cooperation of the industry and of other groups interested in the same purposes, the Legion must remain independent financially and every other way of the industry and its allied concerns."

"Therefore, despite the many attractions a different policy might offer, the Bishops of the United States have ever insisted that the Legion be free and independent. They have insisted that co-operation with the industry, not dependence on the industry, be the cornerstone of Legion activity."

"By constantly working for morally better motion pictures within our respective countries and by cooperating on the international level through an agency which would concern itself exclusively with the moral evaluation of motion pictures, we shall be doing our part in a sector of the cause of Catholic Action, the ministry of the laity, to bring the light of the screen to an affinity with the light of the Gospel."

The Film Congress met in conjunction with the World Festival of Films and Fine Arts and was attended by delegates from 19 countries, including the United States.

ANOTHER specialized international meeting took place last month in Geneva—the International Labor Organization convention. Addressing the American delegation, received in audience on its return from the sessions, Our Holy Father said:

ILO Delegates Hear Holy Father On Social Principles “You have come, Gentlemen, from an important meeting of the international organization which is charged with the duty of improving the condition of the workingman. No doubt, you find it a vast and seemingly unending task, but it is one which challenges all that is noblest in the human heart. We cannot give too great praise to your aims.”

“History is witness to the grave concern with which the Church has always treated this question,” the Holy Father continued. “It is not that the Church has any mandate directly to regulate economic life, but the social and economic orders cannot be divorced from the moral and it is her privilege and her duty to affirm and to proclaim the unchanging principles of morality. . . .

“The honest working man does not wish to improve his position by trampling on the liberties of others which should be as sacred to him as his own. But, deep down in his heart, there is the rightful desire for the independent and secure possession of what is necessary to provide for himself and his family a way of life which is in keeping with his dignity and his conscience.

“That is why the Church will always defend him against any system that would deny his inalienable rights—which derive, not from any civil society, but from his own human personality.”

“We are sure,” said the Holy Father, “that you gentlemen will agree that any organization for improving the condition of the workingman will be a mechanism without a soul, and hence without life and fecundity, unless its charter proclaims and effectively prescribes, *first*, respect for the human person in all men no matter what their social position; *secondly*, the acknowledgment of the solidarity of all people in forming the human family which has been created by the loving omnipotence of God; and *thirdly*, the imperative demand on society to place the common good above personal gain, the service of each for all.

“When the spirit of man is reformed and stabilized according to these truths,” the Pontiff concluded, “the condition of the workingman will be improved. No power of the state will reform the spirit of man. That is the sacred office of religion, and the state whose foundations rest on morality and religion will be the surest protector and defender of the workingman.”

FROM August 25-30 Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, will hold its first annual Family Life Conference. This six-day conference for the study of family life problems is planned as a civic project, as well as a Catholic, of interest to persons of all faiths who wish to preserve family life as the basis of national life.

Because of the scope of the program, it is felt that the conference should appeal to priests, nuns, lay teachers and others interested in developing better homes, and especially mothers and fathers trying to create a truly Catholic home in these times when there is so much that makes home-making a difficult problem.

The tentative program includes talks on “The Marriage Encyclical,” “Family Sociology,” “Home Economics,” “Child Care and Training,” as well as a number of other specialized topics. Full information is available in an attractive folder.

DELEGATES from eight States in which the Spanish Speaking are found in large numbers will attend the sessions of the fourth regional Conference for the Spanish Speaking to be held at Immaculate Heart College, Los Angeles, Calif., August 19 to 21. Archbishop John J. Cantwell of Los Angeles is host to the Conference.

The conference is being sponsored by the Catholic Council for the Spanish Speaking, an affiliate of the Bishops’ Committee for the Spanish Speaking. Former conferences have been held in San Antonio, Denver and Santa Fe, in 1943, 1944 and 1946, respectively.

THE Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems, recent recipient of a grant of money from the Julius Rosenwald Fund, has opened an office on race relations at its headquarters in Washington.

Office on Race Relations Set Up by C.C.I.P.

Rev. R. A. McGowan, secretary-treasurer of the Conference and director of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, described the work of the new office as conducting conferences on current economic problems facing the country and the specific problems faced by the Negro in industry, with special emphasis on Catholic social teaching as a solution to the problems. Besides these conferences, the C. C. I. P. will conduct seminars, evening forums and public discussions.

Miss Margaret Garrity, who has been active in interracial work for the past five years as a member of the Social Action Department. N.C.W.C. has been appointed Interracial Secretary.

ASSUMPTION

REV. CHARLES A. HART

THE greatest of the feasts of Our Lady, that of her Assumption into Heaven, commemorates the teaching of the Church that at the death of the Blessed Virgin her body was preserved from corruption and that shortly afterwards it was assumed (Latin, *assumere*, to take up) into heaven and reunited to her soul. This belief is not a formal article of faith but Pope Benedict XIV declared it to be a probable opinion, the denial of which would be impious and temerarious. The doctrine is held universally throughout the Church and more or less explicitly by the dissident Eastern Churches. As the principal of all Our Lady's feasts the Church keeps it universally as a holy day of obligation. This feast is at least fifteen hundred years old and is definitely of Byzantine origin, having been mentioned by St. Juvenal, Bishop of Jerusalem, at the Council of Chalcedon (451 A.D.). In the West it seems to have appeared first in the Church of Gaul a century later, its first mention being made in the writings of St. Gregory of Tours. Regarding the day, year, and place of Our Lady's death, nothing certain is known. It is thought that the fifteenth of August was more probably the anniversary of the dedication of some church in honor of her Assumption, rather than the actual anniversary of her death. The dates assigned for the year vary in different writers from the third to the fifteenth year after Our Lord's Ascension. Her supposed tomb in Jerusalem was not mentioned before the beginning of the fifth century at the earliest.

Today a mighty movement in Christ's Church is asking for a formal declaration of the dogma of the Assumption from a profound desire to do a formal honor to Mary. Everywhere there is a feeling that only through her intercession can we be saved from a terrible approaching catastrophe. The times are so uncertain and so dark. Mary at Fatima so exactly predicted the great source of our trouble and showed how through her

directions, if followed very exactly, we could come to the longed-for peace. We have not yet in any great degree fulfilled those conditions in the Church as a whole. The formal dogma of the Assumption would focus the attention of the Mystical Body in a very powerful way upon the exceptional merits, and hence the exceptional power, of Our Lady. It would emphasize that those merits were connected not only with her soul's Immaculate Conception at birth but also with her body at death to this life and her whole person's birth in heaven, in her Assumption. The two doctrines seem so complementary. Both should be in the same formal status. At Our Lord's death on the Cross many of the bodies of the just were favored with resurrection before the Last Judgment. Mary's body could not be less favored.

Nothing is now more needed by the world than a great stirring up of fervor in devotion to Mary, Mother of God. The Church seeking ways to honor her is the Church of Christ at its best and happiest. Special honoring moments have warded off a hundred foes in the past. Churches not founded by Christ, denying her honor on the foolish ground that such honor would detract from that due to her Son, are churches that end up by honoring neither Mother nor Son in any effective way. The relations between Mother and Child are too close to permit any separate attitudes, as regards honor, towards either of them. Mary's desire for her own honor is simply the desire for honor to her Son, the source of all her honor. Catholic Actionists should be in the vanguard, particularly in prayer, that the dogma of the Assumption should be speedily proclaimed to the end that vastly greater saving devotion to Mary come speedily into reality.

O Mother of Our Lord, in thy glorious Assumption into heaven, give us the grace of more universal devotion to thy Immaculate Heart as the great means of our deliverance from this present darkness!

ESSENTIAL CHARACTER OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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IT IS a maxim of universal acceptance that education as an art depends upon the nature of the being to be educated. The animal trainer is familiar with this principle, which is applicable to his vocation also, although the process in which he engages is not properly called education. Man is really the only educable being; and it is not so much the capacity for education as the necessity that distinguishes him from the lower animals. He must be educated if he is to live a truly human life; and those who have the responsibility of educating him must have a clear understanding of the meaning and purpose of life. In other words, they must know what man is, what is his nature, and specifically what is his origin and his destiny.

To secure this knowledge, the educator must have recourse to a number of sciences which have some aspect of human living for their proper object. In a sense, every science has some contribution to make toward our understanding of man as the subject of education; but the ones most frequently listed as essential are biology and physiology, psychology, sociology, ethics, and history. The pertinent data of these sciences are usually assembled into an organized whole which is designated a philosophy of education. It is hardly necessary to call attention to the fact that these data have been variously interpreted by different investigators, with the result that we have presented to us a variety of philosophies of education which are in turn based upon different philosophies of life.

Space will not permit even a brief review of either the philosophies of life or the theories of education that claim adherents in the world today. Therefore, not to go into the philosophical controversy that rages among these different schools of thought, we may simply state our reason for rejecting all of them as unsatisfactory conceptions of life and education. Their several advocates have seen fit to reject or ignore a source of information concerning man which not only provides knowledge not otherwise obtainable, but helps to clarify the data derived from the study of the other sciences. The unqualified acceptance of the teachings of this science—Theology or Divine

Revelation—is the characteristic that distinguishes the Catholic Philosophy of life and the Catholic theory of education from all other systems, since it is from this source that is derived the concept of the supernatural without which Catholicism is unintelligible.

The significance of the supernatural for education is readily understood when we consider the fact that one of the most widely accepted definitions of education is "preparation for complete living," and that the goals set by the educator, the content of the curriculum, and the methods of teaching are ultimately determined by his views of the meaning and purpose of life. If man is nothing more than a highly developed animal, if his life, whatever span of years it covers, is destined to end with the dissolution of his bodily frame, his education will be such as is advocated by the exponents of the philosophy of naturalism. A school following this philosophy will have no place for religion in its program since, for its advocates, God does not exist or, if He does, He is not interested in man and his welfare. Indeed, it is customary for the adherents of this system to assert that education has nothing to do with one's moral behavior and least of all with one's relation to God.

Opposed to this conception of life and education is the philosophy of supernaturalism which, as we have said, has recourse to Divine Revelation in order to secure light on the origin of man, his moral nature, and his destiny—human problems with which the "natural" sciences have wrestled for centuries and continue to wrestle without arriving at a satisfactory answer. On these questions—the only ones that are of real human import—the teaching of Revelation is clear and definite. Man has an immortal soul; he is created by God and destined for eternal life with Him. His nature is fallen, but redeemed. He is bound by a moral law which in its essentials is unchanging, since it is founded on the immutable will of God. He is not left to his own resources in the conduct of life, but has at his disposal supernatural aids in the form of Divine Grace, a gratuitous gift of God. He has obligations toward his fellow men

and very definite ones, but these are secondary to his obligations toward his Maker. Indeed they have meaning only because he and his fellow men are children of a common Father. He is a member of the animal kingdom, it is true, but he has the high calling of membership in the Kingdom of God.

Once this conception of man's nature is understood, the whole philosophy of Catholic education is clearly revealed. The Catholic teacher has a definite answer to all the questions that are wont to be raised in a philosophical discussion of education. He knows the "what" and the "why" of the educative process; in other words, he is in no doubt as to the aims, both ultimate and immediate, of education, or as to the means by which they are to be attained. He is in a position to set up a hierarchy of studies and can unhesitatingly reply to the Spencerian query: "What knowledge is of most worth?" by quoting the words of Christ: "This is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou has sent." He can answer the charge of "other worldliness" so often leveled against his philosophy by reminding the cavillers what a hideous mess has been made of this world in our day and generation by those who have presumed to guide its destinies without reference to the world to come. He holds with the Poet Young that: "He sins against this world who slights the next."

Moreover, the Catholic teacher's conviction of the fact of Original Sin and his firm belief in the doctrine of Redemption enable him to approach the "how"—the psychology—of education with an understanding of child nature that is wholly inaccessible to the naturalistic educator. He knows that the child is neither wholly good, as Rousseau maintained, nor wholly depraved, as Luther and Calvin held him to be, but a rational creature in whom good and evil tendencies are in constant conflict as a result of the sin of his first parents, which deprived him of the heritage of supernatural gifts with which they were endowed by their Creator. At the same time, he knows that by the passion and death of Christ the child has been redeemed, and that his Savior has provided means in the form of divine grace by which the defects of his fallen nature may be overcome. It takes but a little reflection to see how such a conception of child nature will prevent the Catholic teacher from falling into the equally erroneous practices of mechanistic psychology and soft pedagogy. Indeed the "Conflicting Psychologies of Education" will leave him quite undisturbed as he studies the child in the light of rational psychology and Divine Revelation.

This emphasis of Catholic education on the supernatural is frequently misrepresented, or at least misinterpreted, by non-Christian writers and especially by educators of the naturalistic school. Many of them decry the acceptance of the supernatural as unscientific and superstitious. Others maintain that it implies a denial or rejection of the natural, that is, of the knowledge of man and his behavior that is provided by the natural sciences. Now, nothing could be farther from the truth. It is a principle of Catholic Theology, reiterated again and again in the writings of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, that "grace presupposes nature." The creature elevated by God in the beginning to a supernatural state was man with all his distinctively human powers and capacities, with all the endowments that pertained to his rational nature; and the creature redeemed by Christ, restored to his supernatural heritage, is likewise a human being. Neither his initial elevation to a supernatural state nor his subsequent redemption deprives him of any quality or characteristic that pertains to him as man. He is still "a little less than the angels." The function of grace is not, therefore, to supplant but to supplement nature; to enable man to live a genuinely human life as God wishes it to be lived, and to attain a destiny which, in the designs of God, surpasses all that unaided human nature might achieve or even aspire to. To the charge then that recognition of the supernatural leads to the neglect of the natural, the Catholic teacher can reply by quoting the words of Pope Pius XI:

The true Christian does not renounce the activities of this life, he does not stunt his natural faculties; but he develops and perfects them, by coordinating them with the supernatural. He thus ennoble what is merely natural in life and secures for it new strength in the material and temporal order, no less than in the spiritual and eternal.

Little need be said of the label "unscientific" as applied to Catholic teaching. In the first place, Theology has solid claims to recognition as a science, certainly more valid than those of psychology or sociology, for example. Furthermore, despite the repeated assertions of some of its more vociferous devotees, experimental science has failed to give a satisfactory answer to the riddle of life, not to speak of the much more serious problem of human destiny. The fact is that problems such as these are not within the province of science; they pertain to the domain of philosophy. Even here the answers are incomplete unless the human mind in its study of them is illumined by a higher light—the light of Divine Revelation. In the certainty engendered by this twofold illumination Catholic education rests secure and challenges comparison with any other educational system.

CRUCIAL QUESTIONS OF THE DAY

THEME OF THE 1947-1948
N.C.W.C. MONTHLY
FORUM ARTICLES

CATHOLIC ACTION has a unique clientele. The great majority of its subscribers are persons in positions of leadership. Many are officers or committee chairmen of societies and organizations of Catholic men, women, and youth, the scope of whose leadership ranges from officials of national organizations to those of small parish units. Leaders, too, with an unlimited influence for teaching, are the priests and sisters who are among the regular readers of CATHOLIC ACTION, many of whom will use its material in the Catholic Student Program Service. Therefore, the question constantly applied as a test to editorial policy is: "What Do Leaders Need?"

The N.C.W.C. Forum Series published in CATHOLIC ACTION from September to May of each year is designed to meet the needs of those who are engaged in teaching others; who are responsible for initiating programs for organized groups, and for stimulating the mind of the individual Catholic to think through what Pope Pius XII has called "the needs of these times," applying Catholic teaching and historical perspective to current problems and events. In recent years the N.C.W.C. Forum Series has offered to leaders those fundamental studies with which everyone who accepts the responsibility of leadership needs to be acquainted if his leadership is to be well founded, intelligent and balanced. These fundamental studies included: Rebuilding for Christ; We Face the Future; Secularism: Challenge to Christians.

This year, for the 1947-1948 series, the N.C.W.C. Forum Committee, which is composed of the editors of CATHOLIC ACTION and a member of each department of the N.C.W.C., has selected the general topic: Crucial Questions of the Day. When the committee met to plan the new series, there were as many suggestions for a topic as there were committee members. This very fact gave added proof that the times in which we are living are not only crowded to the extent that the human mind and human energy is incapable of encompassing all that is happening, but that problems latent and unsolved, questions recognized but unanswered through many years, have suddenly emerged as supreme, decisive, *crucial*. Every field claims to have the Number One Problem!

As in the recent war, history witnessed more battlefronts than ever before, so today the mind of man is besieged on all fronts for information, knowledge, answer, and action on a greater number and a greater variety of crucial questions than have faced the thinking and the will of people in any other period of history. That, consequently, the minds of men are confused is to be expected. Confusion is the offspring of disorder, and the world in which we are living is disordered. To achieve order is the task ahead. That much is clear. But the order to be achieved must be a just and reasonable order, not an order that is merely expedient.

To meet the task, orderly thinking based on sound knowledge, not only of the facts concerned in a given problem but the principles to be applied to the solution of the problem, is necessary. We are so much taken up with action, and with the demands for action, with requests that we must here and now take a stand for or against this or that cause, that we are borrowing too much from the time that individuals and organizations should give to study, discussion, and reflection, all of which must precede intelligent action. The more clamor there is for action, the more is there a need for study and discussion groups, for public forums, and for stimulating the thinking of the individual.

The National Councils of Catholic Men and Catholic Women are aware of the pressures that are today placed on the leaders of Catholic organizations, not only to be informed on the multiple current problems, but to take appropriate action concerning them. It is the belief of these Councils that what leaders need today is knowledge concerning the crucial questions on which they and their membership are called upon to take a stand. The N.C.W.C. Forum Series for 1947-1948 will try to meet this need. The series will begin in September with that question which concerns the one million persons whose fate depends on the humanity of governments, namely, the Displaced Persons. It will continue through May with forums on Soviet Control of War-Wearied Europe, International Student Movement, Religion and

Public Education, Christian Democracy, International Relief, Industrial Relations, and Current Legislation.

This series will provide the leader with the *facts*. It will provide the study and discussion group with material that can be profitably discussed at a monthly meeting or divided for use in weekly discussion sessions. Furthermore, it offers to the organization that wishes to sponsor monthly public forums either for its own membership, or for an interparochial Catholic audience, or a community audience, the pattern for an eight-month series.

The N.C.W.C. Forum Committee will be glad to hear from readers of CATHOLIC ACTION their comments (criticism or praise) of the 1947-1948 series, and particularly the use made of the forum material. If the material is used only for ref-

erence but is helpful to the leader, let the committee know. If a study or discussion group is using the material regularly, the committee would like to know this. And if any organization has taken the suggestion to use the material as a pattern for lectures or forums for a wider audience, this would be gratifying news to the N.C.W.C. Forum Committee. Moreover, the various departments of the N.C.W.C. would be glad to cooperate in the endeavor by suggesting speakers or forum participants in your area for your local forum.

The N.C.W.C. Forum Committee asks you to remember that the series begins in the September issue, and invites reader reaction. Address your letters to CATHOLIC ACTION or the N.C.W.C. Forum Committee, 1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.—*Ruth Craven*.

CALENDAR OF SCHEDULED CATHOLIC MEETINGS AND EVENTS

August, 1947

- 6—Consecration of the Most Rev. Joseph M. Marling, C.P.P.S., as Auxiliary Bishop of Kansas City, in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 10-12—THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS—National Quinquennial Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 11-17—CATHOLIC RURAL LEADERS RECREATION CONFERENCE—Walworth, Wis.
- 16-20—Catholic Central Verein and National Catholic Women's Union—annual conventions, Chicago, Ill.
- 17-30—NATIONAL SUMMER SESSION OF GREGORIAN INSTITUTE—Catholic Choirmaster's Course, Detroit, Mich.
- 18-21—NATIONAL LITURGICAL WEEK, Portland, Oreg.
- 18-23—SUMMER SCHOOL OF CATHOLIC ACTION, New York, N. Y.
- 19-21—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—65th annual international convention, Boston, Mass.
- 19-21—CONFERENCE FOR THE SPANISH SPEAKING—4th regional meeting, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 25-30—SUMMER SCHOOL OF CATHOLIC ACTION, Chicago, Ill.
- 25-31—FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE, sponsored by Family Life Institute of Xavier University, in cooperation with the Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C., Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 27-28—AMERICAN CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION—annual convention, Denver, Colo.

September, 1947

- 7-11—INTERNATIONAL UNION OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUES—International Congress, Rome, Italy.
- 12-16—CATHOLIC TRI-STATE CONGRESS, under the auspices of the Lay Organizations Department, N.C.W.C., Grand Rapids, Mich.
- 15—Consecration of the Most Rev. Thomas J. McDonnell, as Titular Bishop of Sela and Auxiliary Bishop of New York in New York City.
- 23-25—PROVINCIAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS (Centennial of Diocese), Buffalo, N. Y.
- 23-25—CATHOLIC COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH—7th annual convention, Charlotte, N. C.

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- 1-5—HOLY NAME SOCIETY—4th national convention, Boston, Mass.
- 10-13—NATIONAL CONFERENCE CATHOLIC CHARITIES, New Orleans, La.
- 19-21—CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE—regional congress for the Province of Baltimore, at Richmond, Va.
- 19-22—NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN—Southwest regional conference, El Paso, Tex.
- 23-24—CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE—regional congress for the Provinces of San Antonio, Santa Fe, Mexico, and Central America, at San Antonio, Tex.

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- 4-6—CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE—regional congress, Province of New Orleans, Biloxi, Miss.
- 21-26—NATIONAL CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE—25th national convention, Lafayette, La.
- 28-29—Catholic Art Association—annual convention, Davenport, Iowa.

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- Mar. 31-April 2—National Catholic Educational Association—45th Annual Convention, San Francisco, Calif.

DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC ACTION STUDY

Catholic Action in Grammar School Study Weeks

Formal Catholic Action on the grammar school level is rather the exception than the rule. Below is a most interesting sample. The Department of Catholic Action Study would welcome reports of other Catholic Action work with elementary school children to share with those desiring to undertake such an apostolate.—The Editor.

I HAVE had very fine success with a Catholic Action group or "cell" of grammar school boys. When I started the group three years ago, the parish school of around 450 pupils was in bad shape. The boys were unmanageable, picked up by the police almost every week for petty larceny. Delinquent from school and rebellious when they did come to school, they were the product of the rooming houses and tenements in which they were living. Their home surroundings and the neighborhood in which they knocked about were all against them. But in the last three years the spirit in the school has so changed that it is all but unbelievable. The upper classes are as interested and zealous in inspiring the other half of the school with good spirit, as they would be with their own brothers. In fact more so.

I selected my cell from the class that had been the most troublesome, the Sixth Grade. I started with four boys, worked up as high as twelve, and now have eight still very active. They have completed three years in the work and are as enthusiastic as ever. I follow the regular format of a cell meeting: Scripture; Social Inquiry; and Liturgy. But of course it has to be adapted to the grade school level. Naturally the Chaplain has to step in a little bit more to help in organizing a project, but other than that, the boy who is the head of the group directs the whole meeting, which he has prepared with me beforehand.

What has been done? First of all, the boys

picked out the leaders of all the trouble in the school. Each took one or two of them, and worked on them for more than a year. They gave them right ideas, broke up friendships that had been causing them to get into trouble, and introduced them to a whole new crowd of friends. Next they organized a program of student cooperation for the whole school. Nobody else could have put the zeal and the charity into their efforts that these lads did when they saw the goal they were striving to reach. Their aim was to make every boy in the school as interested and as kind to every one else as he is to his own family. I think they have achieved that end.

They worked on the Mass, trying to teach the real meaning of the Mass and the use of the missal both to their own class and to their families. Their class, which was once one of the most unruly, is now noted for its cooperation and good spirit.

I think the cell movement has an important place in the grammar school. Also there is more enthusiasm and more noise than you will find in any other meeting. There is not very much theorizing. If there is no action the boys grow restless. But lads this age do know what it is to be an apostle, and they love the work. Some of the boys who were once our biggest problems have begged to become members.

Next year this group of mine will move on to high school. They are prepared to organize cells in the highs in which they are enrolling.

CATHOLIC ACTION STUDY-WEEKS

For Priests. The Fifth Annual Week of Catholic Action Study for Priests will be held at the University of Notre Dame, August 4 to 8. The meeting is under the patronage of His Excellency, Archbishop John J. Mitty, episcopal chairman of the Department of Catholic Action Study.

Among the discussion leaders are listed Canon Cardijn, Msgr. Reynold Hillenbrand, Msgr. Luigi Ligutti and Fathers John FitzSimons, Theodore Hesburgh, Louis Putz, William Ferree, Philip Kenney, James O'Toole, William Quinn and Raban Hathorn. Mr. Patrick Keegan is the only layman on the program.

Northwest Seminarians. A Study-Week for Seminarians is scheduled for August 15 to 18, inclusive, in Portland immediately preceding National Liturgical Week, August 18 to 21 in the same city. A committee of Seminarians at St. Edward's Seminary is managing the meeting.

Mid-West Seminarians. A four-day conference, also for Seminarians, is on the calendar for August 26 to 29 at Notre Dame University. Arrangements are being handled by Rev. Mr. Joseph N. Miller, 1722 Catalpa Ave., Chicago 40, Illinois.

Month by Month with the N. C. W. C.

Bishops Althoff and Fitzgerald Called to Their Eternal Reward

The Most Rev. Henry John Althoff, second Bishop of Belleville, whom death has claimed at the age of 74 after 33 years in the episcopacy, had spent his entire priestly and episcopal life in the Belleville Diocese.

His Excellency was born in Aviston, Ill., in 1873 and after studies at St. Joseph's College, Teutopolis, Ill., and the University of Innsbruck, Austria, where he was ordained in 1902, returned to his native diocese to serve in parish work. He was named Bishop of Belleville in December, 1913, consecrated in February, 1914, and in 1939, on the occasion of his silver jubilee as a Bishop, was named an Assistant at the Pontifical Throne.

The ecclesiastical province of Alaska also lost its episcopal head through death during July. The Most Rev. Walter J. Fitzgerald, S.J., died in Providence Hospital, Seattle, Wash., following eight years of administration of the Vicariate of Alaska, first as Coadjutor under Bishop Crimont and, since 1945, as Vicar Apostolic.

Bishop Fitzgerald was ordained in 1918 and held administrative positions in the field of Jesuit education and also as provincial of the Jesuit Province of Oregon until 1938, when he was appointed by the Holy See as Coadjutor Vicar Apostolic of Alaska. He died at the age of 63.

May the souls of Bishops Althoff and Fitzgerald rest in peace.

Monsignor McDonnell of Propagation of Faith Office Named New York Auxiliary

In a recent message from Vatican City, Msgr. Thomas J. McDonnell, national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, was named Titular Bishop of Sela and Auxiliary to His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

Bishop-designate McDonnell is widely known, not only in his own United States, but, through his work with the

Society for the Propagation of the Faith, in Australia, the South Sea Islands, the Philippines, China, Manchuria, Korea and Japan. Msgr. McDonnell was New York Archdiocesan Director of the Society for fourteen years before being appointed National Director in 1936.

Born in New York City in 1894, he was educated in that Archdiocese and ordained to the priesthood in 1919, subsequently taking the Master of Arts degree from Fordham University. In 1936 he was created a Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor.

Sincere congratulations and best wishes are extended to Bishop-designate McDonnell.

Two New Social Action Department Pamphlets Published

Two new pamphlets on industrial problems were published during the past month for the N.C.W.C. Social Action Department by the Paulist Press of New York City. They are *Women Workers in Wartime and Reconversion* by Mary T. Waggaman, formerly associate economist, U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and associate editor of *Monthly Labor Review*, and *Sharing Management with Employees* by the Rev. Joseph B. Kenkel, C.P.P.S., professor economics at St. Joseph's College, Collegeville, Ind.

These are available either from N.C.W.C. Publications Office or from Paulist Press.

Monsignor Swanstrom Becomes Director Of War Relief Services, N.C.W.C.

Very Rev. Msgr. Edward E. Swanstrom, the active and traveled assistant director of War Relief Services, N.C.W.C., has been appointed executive director of the organization. Announcement of the appointment as of August 1 was made on July 24 by Archbishop John T. McNicholas of Cincinnati, chairman of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. This followed the

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CATHOLIC ACTION—MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE

"We have grouped together, under the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the various agencies by which the cause of religion is furthered. Each of these, continuing its own special work in its chosen field, will now derive additional support through general cooperation."

—From the 1919 Pastoral Letter of the
Archbishops and Bishops of the U. S.

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Third International Pattern Institute

IN one of the many efforts to answer the challenge of Catholic education to produce not merely *good* graduates but good Catholic leaders, over 100 Catholic students from 45 colleges throughout the country met in New York, June 8-14. Manhattan College and Mount St. Vincent's were hosts to this Third International Pattern Institute—a week of intensive study on current international problems and the Catholic principles involved in their solution. The Institute, sponsored by the International Relations Commission of the National Federation of Catholic College Students, was especially for leaders in International Relations Clubs, and the program, arranged by the Catholic Association for International Peace, was planned to give particular emphasis to the topics that will be considered by the Commission during the coming year.

The week opened with a Mass celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral by Bishop Stephen J. Donahue, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, and the students were officially welcomed to the Institute by Archbishop J. Francis McIntyre, Coadjutor Archbishop of New York.

Two full days at the United Nations headquarters were arranged, with opportunity to hear descriptions of the work of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations by actual members of its Commissions and Agencies; see the Security Council in session; listen (in any of four languages they might choose) to the conflicting views expressed in the Drafting Committee on Human Rights; or talk informally with the United States Delegate, Senator Austin. Thus was provided a wealth and grasp of information that no amount of reading could have given.

Before and after these sessions at the U.N. the matter and principles which were explained there, were discussed by outstanding Catholic experts. Background for the week's work, with discussion of the importance of the role of the United States and the Church's teaching on economic and social life, was provided the delegates.

Regional problems were discussed by a number of speakers; Catherine Schaefer, United Nations Observer for the N.C.W.C., presented the programs of International Catholic Organizations. Two other speakers discussed "the Missions and International Life" and "UNESCO"; and another analyzed the Declaration of Human Rights. "Edu-

cation in Action" was presented from three different perspectives. Most of the students participated actively throughout the Institute by informal discussions with the speakers and in panels on "UNESCO" and "student problems."

Plans announced for a nation-wide relief drive by U. S. students for foreign students resulted in a resolution that each member of the Institute act as a promotional agent for this drive on his or her campus. It was further agreed that individual members would undertake correspondence to exchange information and ideas with foreign students.

The Institute was marked by a realization on the part of the students attending of the worthwhileness of serious preparatory study, of the opportunity for growth through the exchange of views with students from many different colleges, and of their own personal responsibility to participate in international life both as students and leaders. It could be clearly seen that the benefits to each student depended on his own sense of responsibility and purpose. Because of the knowledge and inspiration that student leaders can gain from, and give to, this week of study on international life in the light of Catholic principles, it is hoped that next year many more colleges will send delegations.—*Kathleen McCann.*

Third National Street Preaching Institute for Priests

PRIESTS from Louisiana to Minnesota, from New York to Oklahoma, gathered at the College of Our Lady of the Ozarks at Carthage, Missouri, for the Third National Street Preaching Institute for Priests held the week of July 7-11.

Benedictines, Dominicans, Josephites, Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Passionists, Paulists, as well as diocesan priests from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and the Dioceses of Birmingham, Buffalo, Oklahoma City-Tulsa, Kansas City and St. Joseph, met for an intensive week of discussion-action to further the work of bringing Christ to all men.

The Institute was sponsored by the Apostolate of Good Will Division of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and was under the patronage of the Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Kansas City, and episcopal chairman of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. The Rev. Stephen A. Leven, Ph.D., of Tonkawa, Oklahoma,

was the director, and the Rev. Richard J. Schumacher, of Kansas City, the chairman.

Morning, afternoon and evening sessions covered all phases of street preaching and afforded discussion of sermon plans, the problems of equipment, personnel, advertising, and follow-up.

During the discussions concrete existing work in the field was studied, as well as methods of approach. A paper on the technique of the approach to the non-Catholic was read in which three important points in contacting the non-Catholic were brought out: a) know your man; b) select your topic; c) know your topic.

One session featured a talk on visual aids and presented the latest film strips; at another, steps to conversion were discussed by a recent convert.

Participation of the laity in the Apostolate of Good Will was also discussed and a representative of the Conference of Christians and Jews spoke on good will. This session ended with a discussion on follow-up procedure.

Before closing this Institute plans for the Fourth National Institute were outlined.

Evening meetings consisted of actual street preaching in the city park of Carthage, Missouri, at which different members of the Institute spoke. A trailer chapel owned by the Paulist Fathers of Monett, Missouri, was used for the outdoor program, which consisted of fifteen minutes of recorded music (sacred and semi-classical selections), a devotional sermonette followed by a doctrinal talk, the answering of questions and distribution of literature. Special features of the evening programs were: showing of the motion picture, "King of Kings"; talk on "The Sign of the Cross" made by an 11-year old boy; and a talk by a layman.

The Oblates of Mary Immaculate were hosts to the fifty-two priests and laymen present for the Institute.—*Marian DiMaggio*.

Newman Clubs in National Convention

INTEREST of Catholic student leaders in the participation of Catholics in international and national student movements was evidenced by delegates to the 33rd national convention of the Newman Club Federation, held in Houston, Tex., July 10-13, voting unanimously to affiliate their federation with Pax Romana, and the World Student Service Fund and in-

dorsing the charter of the Joint Committee for Student Action of the Newman Federation and the National Federation of Catholic College Students.

By affiliation with Pax Romana, Catholic students on the secular campuses of the nation will be represented in this international federation of Catholic student groups and in its program of inter-cultural and information exchange and material relief for thousands of Catholic students in war-stricken areas of the world.

Affiliation with World Student Service Fund will insure Catholic representation on this national committee which conducts an annual drive on the major colleges and university campuses for funds to be used for student relief in Europe and the Far East.

The Joint Committee for Student Action was established this year by officers and chaplains of the two national Catholic student groups to stimulate interest in international, national, and local student affairs; and to arouse Catholic student interest in political and social affairs as they involve the Catholic conscience.

The JCSA has carried on a program of cooperative student activity involving local units of both federations, with the purpose of discovering and developing Catholic student leaders. It has published a newsletter, circulated throughout the country, to keep those informed on the issues, principles, and persons engaged in Catholic cooperation in secular student activities. The JCSA has encouraged intelligent and constructive participation of Catholic Newman members and Catholic college students in the formation of the National Students Organization, which will hold a constitutional convention in September at Madison, Wis.

"Your Newman Club Charters are marching orders," Bishop James E. Carney of Rochester told the delegates at the convention pontifical Mass in the Houston Music Hall. The episcopal moderator of the Newman Federation further reminded the students that each must be "Another Christ going about doing good and spreading the Kingdom of Christ," in urging them to be Apostles of Christian influence on their own campuses and in national affairs.

New federation officers elected are Edward F. Stuart, University of Texas, president; Richard Oliver, University of Alabama, vice president; and Miss Jacqueline Cummins, Ohio State University, treasurer. Rev. Francis J. McPhillips, national Newman chaplain from Ann Arbor, Mich., announced that the federation would establish an executive secretary at the N.C.W.C. headquarters in Washington.—*Philip Des Marais*.

NATIONAL COUNCIL CATHOLIC WOMEN

Women United in One World
—Diocesan Council Activity—Two
Summer Institutes—Catholic Tri-
State Congress

WOMEN UNITED IN ONE WORLD

CATHERINE JARBOE

WOMEN have always been the great exponents of peace, their desire—an ordered world wherein they and their children may live in tranquility and security. But the modern world is torn by strife and the peace men seek evades their grasp, for order is achieved only through unity, and the world today, despite the proximity of people which modern transportation has brought about, is disunited.

If women would help to bring peace to this war-weary world, it is imperative that their efforts be united. Not for nought have the Popes in our day urged the collaboration of the laity with the hierarchy in the work of Catholic Action. It was not accident but a well-recognized advantage which caused the National Council of Catholic Women, less than a year after it had been established, to request immediate admission into the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues, which could be effected only through the setting aside of the I.U.C.W.L. constitutional provision requiring that an organization seeking admission to membership in the Union be in existence three years unless some exceptional merit or utility for the interests of the Church counsel the suspension of this provision. The Board of the International Union recognized the desirability of the affiliation of the National Council of Catholic Women with the I.U.C.W.L. and, at its meeting in April, 1921, formally admitted the N.C.C.W. to membership.

The purpose of the National Council of Catholic Women "to unite the endeavors and the moral power of Catholic women's organizations for the reconstruction of a Christian society in this nation" was in complete accord with the aim of the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues. The Union was set up to unite those organizations in countries all over the world whose purpose is "to labor for the preservation of the Faith, the defense of religious liberties and the promotion of Catholic social action in a spirit of full submission and constant adherence to the directions of the Sovereign Pontiff."

In carrying out its purpose of serving as a bond between the Leagues or Associations of Catholic women and of proposing for study questions pertaining to the defense of religious liberties or to Catholic social action which might be considered advantageously in view of concerted action, the I.U.C.W.L. has held International Council Congresses and Study Weeks. Even though two world wars have interrupted the regular conduct of these meetings, the Union has maintained its channels of communication wherever possible and has continued to work in the defense of the family and society.

With its record of action in connection with the League of Nations it was but natural that when the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations was established the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues should seek consultative status with the Council. When the Commission on the Status of Women of E.C.O.S.O.C. heard statements from some international organizations of women regarding the interest and competency of these organizations in fields relating to women, Miss Catherine Schaefer, assistant to the General Secretary, N.C.W.C. on UN affairs and consultant to the N.C.C.W. Committee on International Relations, presented the statement for the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues. At this writing, the application for consultative status is being considered by the Committee on Arrangements for Consultative Status of Voluntary Organizations to the Economic and Social Council.

The National Council of Catholic Women is continuing to send observers to the UN sessions wherever the interests of women are involved and is keeping the I.U.C.W.L. informed. Six representatives of the N.C.C.W. attended for the Union the Conference of International Organizations called by the Department of Information of the United Nations at Lake Success, New York, February 10-14, 1947.

Now, two years after the cessation of hostilities, world conditions will permit the holding of

another International Council Congress. This has been called by the President, Mme. F. Steenberghe-Engeringh, to meet in Rome, September 11-16, 1947. Delegates from the N.C.C.W. will be Mrs. Henry Mannix, president; Mrs. Joseph Boillin, Jr., second vice president; and Miss Ruth Craven, executive secretary; with Mrs. P. J. Currier, third vice president; Miss Margaret Hughes, secretary; and Mrs. Thomas J. Smith, member of the Board, as alternates. Miss Eileen Egan, project supervisor, War Relief Services-N.C.W.C., will accompany the N.C.C.W. delegation as an observer. At the first session of the Congress a synthesis of the opinions of prominent contemporary persons particularly competent on the subject of the conference, "The Contribution of Christian Women to the Human Community," will be presented by Mlle. L. Dupraz, Doctor of Letters and professor of Pedagogy, University of Fribourg, Switzerland. At the request of the N.C.C.W., Dr. Elizabeth Lynskey, of Hunter College, New York, prepared a statement for inclusion in this synthesis. Miss Anne Sarachon Hooley, United States member of the Bureau of International Union, will preside at this session of the Congress. The subject under discussion at the session will be "The Role of Woman in the Post-War World." Other sessions will deal with the Christian woman's contribution to society through the home, the community, and in international relations.

Affiliates of the National Council of Catholic

Women will participate in this Congress not only through their representatives but also through prayer and material assistance. Mme. Steenberghe-Engeringh early asked the earnest prayer of the American Catholic women for the success of the Congress and Mrs. Mannix transmitted this request through a letter to Presidents of National Organizations and Diocesan Councils and through the *Monthly Message to Affiliated Organizations*. N.C.C.W. affiliates and friends have been most generous in contributing financially to the Congress. Already \$1,000 has been sent to the Treasurer of the International Union and additional sums are being received at headquarters for transmission to the International Union.

In addressing the last International Council Congress in 1939, the Holy Father said that it is necessary for the Catholic woman of today to take cognizance of her social duties and it is in order to comprehend these duties better, through a study in common, that these Congresses convene. His Holiness blessed the work of the women and assured them of victory, because, he said, "... the spirit always conquers matter finally, and right triumphs over the ruins piled up by violence." In a world still suffering from the terrible violence of past years this assurance of the Holy Father will calm the troubled hearts and deepen the understanding of the women as they consider together the means by which they may help to bring order and peace into the lives of men and nations.

DIOCESAN COUNCILS PLEDGE SERVICE

THE Catholic women of the country in recent diocesan council conventions accepted the challenge which today's world places before them and pledged themselves to the work of rebuilding a Christian society.

Denver . . . Delegates to the 25th annual convention of the Denver A.C.C.W., held May 22, took a definite stand on the important issues facing the people of the world today. In resolutions passed, they requested the formation and enforcement of an International Bill of Rights by the United Nations, urged the passage of the Stratton Displaced Persons Bill now pending in Congress, endorsed President Truman's policy to stop the infiltration of Communism, and asked the furthering of minority group rights. Approximately 300 women attended the sessions, which were presided over by the President, Mrs. L. A. Higgins, who was reelected at the meeting. The Most Rev. Urban J. Vehr, Archbishop of Denver, expressed particular pleasure in the work done by the Council at the Infant of Prague nursery. He also ap-

pealed for continued work in behalf of the Spanish Speaking. Miss Margaret Kelly, field secretary, N.C.C.W., enumerated the qualifications of a leader: Education—she must study to be a leader; executive ability—she must see that the organization grows and widens its field of work; teacher—she must know the place that faith has in the world today and work, not for, but with the Church; interpreter—she must explain to the secular world the mind of the Church.

Burlington . . . Recognizing the family as the foundation of society and the lifeblood of the nation, the Burlington D.C.C.W., in convention on May 20, urged a complete program of parent education, endorsed the activities of social agencies that truly protect and aid the home, and favored the passage of H. R. 2007 on the status of women. Honor guests at this second annual convention of the diocesan council included The Most Rev. Edward F. Ryan, Bishop of Burlington; Governor Ernest W. Gibson, of Montpelier; Mayor Wayne N. Temple, of Burlington; Mrs.

Henry Mannix, national president; Mrs. John L. Kennelly, national director, Province of Boston; and Rev. Joseph D. Donnelly, director of the Hartford Diocesan Labor Institute. The program of the convention was presented under the able direction of Miss Catherine Riley, president.

Youngstown . . . Mrs. Henry Mannix, national president, was guest speaker at the convention on May 22 of the Youngstown D.C.C.W. She told her listeners that "Communism is a great threat to our country and to the world, but the evils of 'planned parenthood' and divorce make the red menace pale by contrast." She urged parents to "teach children to choose as husband or wife someone close to God so that daily they will see God in each other," counseling them to remember "that you cannot tell them to be close to God unless you are too." Mrs. Leonard Quinlan was elected president to succeed Mrs. William F. Rodgers, the retiring president, who had presided at the sessions.

San Francisco . . . The Most Rev. John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco, called for a resurgence of religion to establish international peace, in speaking at the 23rd annual conference of the San Francisco A.C.C.W., held May 23-24. Resolutions adopted at the convention reflected the deliberations of the meeting which featured International Relations as shown through the work of all sections of the Council committee system. The resolutions emphasized such vital current subjects as the preservation of human rights; the status of women; and the part the United States must take to make the UN a factor for peace. Delegates representing the 100,000 Catholic

women of the area participated in the sessions, at which the president, Mrs. James R. Kwapil, Sr., presided. Miss Florentine Schage, national director, Province of San Francisco, and national treasurer, was a guest speaker at the luncheon held during the convention.

Lafayette, Ind. . . . Pontifical Mass celebrated by The Most Rev. John G. Bennett, Bishop of Lafayette, opened the second annual convention of the Lafayette D.C.C.W., held June 4. Rev. John Schall, diocesan moderator, preached the sermon on "The Sanctuary of the Home," which was in keeping with the theme of the convention, "The Christian Family Fights the World." In addressing the convention on the subject of "Family Solidarity," His Excellency issued a stirring appeal for a unity of ideals, a mutual respect for each other, and a real living together by members of families. With Mrs. Harold Brady, president, as leader, a panel discussion on "What the N.C.C.W. Expects of Its Leaders" was presented by Mrs. Rollin Turner, national director, Province of Indianapolis; Mrs. A. C. Weidner and Mrs. E. P. Dober, respectively, past president and president, Indianapolis Archdiocesan Council; and Mrs. C. H. Browning, Evansville Diocesan Council president. The convention returned the officers of the Council for another year.

Harrisburg . . . More than 1,500 people attended the 22nd annual convention of the Harrisburg D.C.C.W., held June 11-12, with Mrs. Robert A. Angelo, president, presiding. The Most Rev. George L. Leech, in a stirring address, urged the women to greater accomplishments and pledged the support of the priests of the Diocese in the

CATHOLIC TRI-STATE CONGRESS

Michigan—Indiana—Ohio

Under the auspices of the Lay Organizations Department, N.C.W.C., and under the patronage of The Most Rev. Francis J. Haas, D.D., Bishop of Grand Rapids.

CATHOLIC women's organizations will have a unique opportunity at this Congress. Here they will see demonstrated in graphic form the program of the Bishops of the United States as shown in the work of the Departments and Bureaus, and the allied agencies of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. They will learn clearly and definitely the manner in which laywomen's organizations participate actively in this social mission of the Church, because one of the foremost purposes of the Congress is to enlist more exten-

sively the services of the laity. The National Council of Catholic Women has arranged for Lay Organizations Day, Tuesday, September 16, a program designed to focus attention of women's organizations on the necessity for training in lay action, so that they may the more efficiently engage in the works which the previous days of the Congress have laid before them. Two leaders' workshops also will be conducted on that day: For Officers—Making Your Organization Better. For Members—A More Informed Membership.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

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Council program. Asking for a great interest in the preparation of youth for marriage, His Excellency said: "Anything we do for the youth of our Diocese will repay our efforts a hundredfold." Over 900 young people between the ages of 16 and 18 attended the Youth luncheon, which was followed by a panel on Citizenship, participated in by a representative from each of the nine deaneries. A dinner-dance, special feature of the Youth program, attracted 750 "out of school" youth who heard Rev. R. A. McGowan, director, Social Action Department, N.C.W.C., speak on "Two Institutes." This youth program was held in conjunction with the two-day adult meeting, which featured an organization workshop, a deanery council meeting, and committee activities. Bishop Leech and Mrs. Henry Mannix, national president, were honored speakers at the banquet closing the convention.

Oklahoma City-Tulsa . . . "Today's World — A Challenge to Christian Womanhood" was the theme of the 18th annual convention of the Oklahoma City-Tulsa D.C.C.W., held June 18, with 400 women and 60 members of the clergy attending. Very Rev. S. A. Leven, diocesan moderator, told the women that "As Christ first came to the world through the motherhood of a woman, so today's world will receive Christ again through the motherly ministry of Christian women." Mrs. Math Lies, National Catholic Mother of the Year, was honored at the luncheon meeting when she and her son, Rev. Michael J. Lies, director of Catholic youth work in Wichita, appeared on the same program. In addressing the convention, Mrs. Neal Sullivan, national director, Province of San Antonio, urged the women to make better and more attractive homes, making them truly the center of family life. The convention re-elected Mrs. N. B. Lorenson president, and in resolutions passed, voted that every diocesan council study club should include the study of UNESCO and the part Catholics may take in furthering the cause of international cooperation by eliminating tensions and discriminations toward any minority groups of fellow citizens in their own communities.

R.I.P.

The National Council of Catholic Women asks the prayers of all members of its affiliated organizations for the repose of the soul of Mrs. R. J. Sweeney, first president of the Dubuque Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, who died in Dubuque, July 7. Mrs. Sweeney was a former member of the N.C.C.W. Board of Directors from the Province of Dubuque and also served as State Regent of the Catholic Daughters of America.

TWO SUMMER INSTITUTES

LINNA E. BRESETTE

We present with pleasure this interesting account of two recent Institutes, prepared for our readers by Miss Linna E. Bresette, director of the Institute on Industry and consultant to the N.C.C.W. Committee on Social Action.

IT was interesting to look in on the summer institutes which were held at the National Catholic School of Social Service, June 15-21, under the auspices of the National Council of Catholic Women and the Social Action Department, N. C. W. C. These two institutes, the one, the Institute on Industry for young women workers, and the other, the Institute for Social Action Chairmen of groups affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women, drew their membership from states as far north as Vermont and west to Illinois.

In one room were the wage-earning women; in another, the members of N.C.C.W. affiliated groups, all intent on learning the fundamental principles governing economic life and how best to apply those principles in their daily lives. They were interesting groups, and interesting individuals who made up the groups. All were eager, earnest students. There was no disposition to skip classes, although it was the first trip to Washington for some, and classes were held morning, afternoon and evening.

Intense interest marked each session. The "worker" group listened attentively through the course on the Social Encyclicals given by Rev. George G. Higgins, assistant director, Social Action Department, N.C.W.C., who discussed the moral purpose of economic life; Encyclical teaching on the role of government in relation to economic life; wages; and the remedies offered to cure present-day evils.

Sister Vincent Ferrer, O.P., of Rosary College, in teaching Labor Problems, surprised the entire group. That a Nun should have wide interest in economic problems and so much information on the subject seemed a revelation.

Public Speaking and Parliamentary Law were interestingly presented by Mrs. Frank Allen, Jr., and John Parr of the Latin American Bureau, N.C.W.C. With a few exceptions, the members of both groups were unfamiliar with the correct method of conducting a meeting. "That's why," one of the students said, "the Commies run some of the meetings. They have had training. They know how to talk on their feet, and they are familiar with Parliamentary Law."

Miss Mary Synon, editorial consultant for the Commission on American Citizenship of the Catholic University of America, addressed the students on the subject of Elementary Education in Industrial Relations and Miss Catherine Schaefer,

assistant to the General Secretary, N.C.W.C. for UN Affairs, and consultant of the N.C.C.W. Committee on International Relations, gave a very comprehensive report of the set-up and functions of the United Nations. A panel on minority groups was participated in by Rev. Wilfrid Parsons, S.J.; Miss Margaret Garrity, interracial secretary for the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems; and Dr. Euphemia Haynes, professor at Miner Teachers College.

Among the labor leaders who addressed the Institute on Industry were Miss Elizabeth Christman, secretary, National Women's Trade Union League; David J. McDonald, secretary-treasurer, United Steel Workers of America, CIO; Frank P. Fenton, director of organization, AFL; and Miss Mary Anderson, former chief of the Women's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor; while special teachers for the students of the Institute for Social Action Chairmen included John Carson, secretary, National Cooperative League of America; Miss Beatrice McConnell, head, Child Labor and Youth Employment Branch, Division of Labor Standards, U. S. Department of Labor; Miss Rose J. McHugh, chief, Special Standards Section, Bureau of Public Assistance, Social Security Board; and Rev. Edgar Schmiedeler, O.S.B., director, Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C.

Intensive training in committee organization and work was given the Social Action Committee Chairmen by Miss Margaret Kelly, N.C.C.W. field secretary.

A highlight of the Institutes was the address to the entire student body given by Rev. R. A. McGowan, director, Social Action Department, N.C.W.C., on Catholic Action programs in relation to industrial life.

This was undoubtedly a crowded week, but there was time for the forming of friendships and the opening of new horizons through the exchange of experiences. Every student, even the one non-Catholic, was present at Mass each morning and

thoroughly appreciated this privileged start of the day. Each succeeding lecture gave the students a clearer understanding of the spiritual motivation which must be the foundation of all work. That the practice of social justice is really living a Christlike life was forcefully expressed by Rev. Paul Tanner, assistant general secretary, N.C.W.C., in his address closing the Institutes, when he pointed out the necessity of willingness to do Christ's way in trying to do His work.

WITH OUR NATIONALS

National Catholic Women's Union: The annual convention of the National Catholic Women's Union has been announced for August 16 to 20, to be held at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago, in conjunction with the meeting of the Catholic Central Verein.

Catholic Daughters of America: At the semi-annual Board meeting held in Atlantic City, July 16-18, the Supreme Directorate of the Catholic Daughters of America decided to adopt 2,000 Polish, Italian, French, German and Austrian families overseas. These families, which will be authenticated by War Relief Services-N.C.W.C., will be provided for through CARE packages and other media. Miss Eileen Egan, project supervisor, War Relief Services-N.C.W.C., who addressed the Board in behalf of the war needy, praised the C.D.A. action as a "magnificent demonstration of love in action so badly needed to rebuild a world destroyed by hate."

Plans were made for the formation of a committee from the New York area to assist the New York office of the N.C.W.C. Bureau of Immigration in meeting displaced persons upon their arrival at the port of New York, and to have C.D.A. members offer their services to their respective Bishops and pastors in assisting in the rehabilitation of new immigrants.

The selection of Miss Beatrice Hoffman, national director of the Junior C.D.A., as the representative of the junior group at the Youth section meeting of the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues, to be held in Rome in September, was approved by the Board.

Daughters of Isabella . . . Daughters of Isabella Scholarships for 1947-1948 at the National Catholic School of Social Service of the Catholic University of America have been awarded to three members of the organization by the Faculty Committee of the School in charge of examinations. The recipients are: Miss Rosemary Subcusky, Trinity Circle No. 385, Sandusky, Ohio; Miss Jeannette Ann Mulvey, Hyacinth Circle No. 71, New Bedford, Mass.; and Miss Mary F. McManus, Jeanne d'Arc Circle No. 44, Fitchburg, Mass.

N.C.C.W. SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

"The Catholic Woman in Her Community" will be the theme of the Southwest Regional Conference to be held in El Paso, Texas, October 19-22, 1947, under the sponsorship of the National Council of Catholic Women. The Most Rev. Sidney M. Metzger, Bishop of El Paso, and the El Paso Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be hosts to the meeting. The Conference will offer affiliated organizations in this section study sessions in the development of lay leadership and will present opportunities for action by women's groups to meet the needs of the area.

TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE

Catechetical Day

MANY dioceses throughout the country are preparing to commemorate Catechetical Day, the Feast Day of Christian Doctrine; to outwardly express the answer to the Catechism question "Why did God make me?" God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him . . . to pierce the cloud of modern pessimism with shafts of faith in God and activity for God.

The Sacred Congregation of the Council regarded catechetical instruction so important that a decree in 1935 stated: "That the mind of the Christian people may be directed to religious instruction, let a CATECHETICAL DAY be established in each parish." The Ordinary of the diocese sets the date. Preparations are made well in advance for the solemnity of the day is recognized particularly by those who agree that "The main cause of the present indifference and torpor as well as the very serious evils that flow from it, is to be found in the prevailing ignorance about divine things."

On Catechetical Day the whole diocese is invited to join in taking up the tremendous challenge of Pope Pius X "to restore all things in Christ." During the day's program each member of the parish may draw special graces and renewed energy to carry out his part. Maybe he has not yet chosen his part. This is when he decides he will. He learns of the Confraternity program.

Usually Catechetical Day is celebrated by a special Mass offered for God's guidance of the Confraternity unit. All members are urged to receive Holy Communion for therein is the source of all strength. An explanatory sermon is preached pointing out the highlights of the Confraternity program. New members are enrolled and are addressed by the priest-director. Prayers for reception of members are recited in unison. Specialized instruction in methods and procedure of the CCD program is developed in two separate sessions, presenting the work of religious vacation schools or school year instruction classes. This is done by demonstrations, contests, playlets, exhibits or projects, charts, distribution of literature and materials. In the evening high school students and adults witness a demonstration of discussion club technique; an open forum brings to light needs, opportunities and results.

Catechetical Day is a day of unity. Each member of the family takes his place in the Confraternity work; priests and people unite in common interest to further the knowledge of those entrusted to their care; hierarchy, priest and people stand together on the firm and unshakeable ground of faith. They unite towards a better knowledge of the Catechism, which Archbishop Cicognani describes as "the fountainhead of universal science which touches upon all divine and human knowledge. It is a true fountain of life in the fullest sense of the word, pouring forth rivers of living waters in all directions." Indeed, living water must seep into the ground hardened by secularism and irrigate it with the cool, calm and certain truths, that it may burst forth with new life. The seeds of love which we plant among our neighbors will bear fruits of the knowledge of beauty, goodness and truth.

The happy result of Catechetical Day is clarity. Progress has been discussed, failures studied, improvements suggested, a new burst of energy set flowing within each sincere member enlivening him to take greater steps along the way of Catholic challenge, which is not easy. But neither is it so difficult that he would rather remain mute and apologetic. All around us are reasons why we should not remain inarticulate. We are in a struggle against the forces of evil. The Catholic Actionist who finds his role in the Confraternity program equips himself with the sound foundation of prayer, he chooses his implements, he offers his work to God; at times he is discouraged but by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit he is set back into the joy of timeless tributes to the work of the Church. He remembers too, that his work in the Confraternity is highly indulged; he is filled with zeal to turn an age of godless negatives into an age of loving positives. What could be more positive than a love of God and neighbor?

Catechetical Day is the day to begin. It is a day which is ever renewed for its message is carried throughout the year by faithful members who realize that theirs is a great calling—soldiers of Christ in the army of the Church.

NATIONAL COUNCIL CATHOLIC MEN

The Program of the Tri-State
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THE PROGRAM OF THE TRI-STATE CONGRESS

PLANS are nearing completion for the Catholic Tri-State Congress which will be held in Grand Rapids, Mich., September 12-17, 1947. The Congress is under the auspices of the Department of Lay Organizations, N.C.W.C., in co-operation with the various departments, bureaus, and allied agencies of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. An attempt will be made to co-ordinate the work of the various Catholic professionals, that is, those engaged in social service, hospital administration, education, industrial and rural problems, press and lay organizations. "For Informed Lay Action" is the theme of the Congress. It is our intention that each section of the program should initiate action towards a greater and more informed participation of the laity in the work of the professionals mentioned above. A unique and practical feature of the Congress will be follow-up sessions each day at which specialists will meet with the committees and interested persons on lay organization. The program for the Congress is as follows:

Friday, Sept. 12 . . . will be devoted to Catholic

Charities, Hospitals, and Family Life. The Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds and the National Council of Catholic Nurses will also take part in the program. The members of the National Council of Catholic Women on the Committee on Cooperating with Catholic Charities, and other Lay Organizations, will take this opportunity to exchange ideas and present their own local problems for discussion with experts who are in attendance.

Saturday, Sept. 13 . . The morning session will be highlighted by the theme "Catholic High School and Right Living" while the afternoon's program will embrace the subject of "Young Adults and Right Living." Group discussions will be held at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m. by parents and educators. The day's program represents a joint endeavor of Youth Directors and Superintendents of Schools.

For the benefit of Catholic Attorneys, there will be presented a forum on "Catholic Attorneys and Divorce Cases." Speakers will include a judge, attorney and a canon lawyer. A dinner is planned for Saturday evening at which the Episcopal Chairman will meet with the presidents of Diocesan Councils of both Men and Women.

Sunday, Sept. 14 . . . will commence with Solemn Pontifical Mass to be celebrated by His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Mooney. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine will discuss with teachers and representatives of lay organizations their increased cooperation in the important work of religious education.

Monday, Sept. 15 . . . will be devoted to Rural and Industrial Problems. The topics for the morning are: Keeping the Faith, Living in the Community, and Making an Adequate Living. The afternoon will take up such subjects as: The Farmer Budgets His Income, Farm Organizations, State and Federal Laws and Agencies, Farm Ownership, Migratory Workers, and The Farmer Faces the Future. A special session will be held in the late afternoon entitled "The Problems of the Migratory Workers in the Tri-State Area."

Tuesday, Sept. 16 . . . Lay Organizations Day will be sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Men and the National Council of Catholic

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Women. The program for the N.C.C.W. emphasizes techniques of organization and is to be entitled "Training For Lay Action in Catholic Women's Organizations." Some of the topics to be discussed are: Forming a Catholic Mind, The Role of Women's Societies in Parish Life, Program Building, Planned Meetings, Techniques of Public Relations, A More Informed Membership, So You Have to Give a Speech, and Parliamentary Law. These conferences will be followed by discussions with audience participation.

An elaborate program is planned for the men's organizations with the subject of: "What's Being Done by Laymen." It will be pointed out that these projects, when developed, call for organization and/or federation of organizations. Among the topics to be discussed are: Holy Name Societies, Closed Retreats for Men, The Narberth Movement, Catholic Labor Institutes, Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds, Catholic Lawyers' Guilds, Alcoholics Anonymous, Catholic Radio, Catholic War Veterans, The Interracial Council, Nocturnal Adoration, St. Vincent De Paul Society, The Te Deum International, Catholic Youth Work, Catholic Action Groups, The Catholic Action Farmer, and Serra International.

Wednesday, Sept. 17 . . . It is encouraging to note that the talks envisioned for Priests' Day fall under the general heading of "Priest Promotes Lay Action." Endeavor is being made to arrange discussion of successful techniques and working models.

Projects for the Congress will be taken from the Tri-State Area. Efforts are being made to secure speakers who are resident in the three state regions and who represent projects which have been proved successful. Various talks will discuss actual activities of men's organizations in the three-state area and it is believed that working models of Catholic activity will be of greater encouragement to these organizations than eloquently described projects which have not yet been proven "workable." It is obvious from the above that there is much to be gained from the Congress. Exchange of information, acquaintance with fellow Catholics in the knowledge of activities carried on by other groups should do much, indeed, to vitalize and advance various men's organizations in the Midwest. The National Council of Catholic Men will compete with the other 60 exhibitors in presenting special displays of the work of the Men's Council.

SAN ANTONIO COUNCIL HOLDS SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

THE Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men of San Antonio held their semi-annual meeting on July 24 with Robert J. Bauer, president, presiding. A report of the year's activities was made and election of officers took place. The President, in his report, extended his appreciation to the members of the Council for their splendid work, advice, and cooperation during the President's term of office. A program adaptable to each parish has been formulated. Every deanery has been visited by the President personally to obtain cooperation and to explain any difficulties as to the set-up of the Council of Men. Each parish was asked to submit a copy of the minutes of its monthly meeting thereby giving the Council an accurate picture of activities and accomplishments. The President also represented the Archdiocese at the meetings of the National Council of Catholic Men in Washington.

To give a summary of the 1947 meeting: It was suggested that a moderator visit each diocese and have a Council of Men organized 100 per cent. Another matter discussed was a monthly publication in which dioceses could exchange views and ideas for the furtherance of Catholicism and Catholic Action. Conferences were held with the radio consultant as to the possibility of securing transcriptions of Catholic Radio programs in foreign languages. Although the cost would be prohibitive for the National Council, it is hoped

that each Deanery will take steps to arrange and sponsor their own foreign language program, provided, of course, the program is strictly according to Catholic Doctrine. Objectives of the Catholic Radio Project are: (1) to obtain more listeners to Catholic Radio programs; (2) to encourage radio stations in the Archdiocese to carry more Catholic programs; and (3) to obtain the cooperation of the radio stations in publicizing special social and Church events. A radio representative from each parish is appointed. It is his duty to compile a list of the men and women in the parish (especially non-Catholics) to whom Catholic Radio Leaflets can be mailed. Included with the leaflet is a letter signed by the Parish Radio Representative inviting the recipient to tune in and listen to one of the programs listed. Program Directors of the several broadcast stations were contacted with some success in placing more Catholic Programs on a regular schedule. There has been an increase of about 300 per cent over the number previously carried.

A report was submitted on the Retreat Movement in the Archdiocese in which it was stated that 30,000 men have attended closed retreats. The growing interest in this movement has caused the need for a house in the vicinity of Yoakum, Tex., and another in the proximity of Uvalde, Tex. It was recommended that each Deanery, where possible, hold closed retreats annually in

N.C.C.M. TO PUBLISH BULLETIN

THE publication of a news bulletin for the National Council of Catholic Men was unanimously adopted at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors held in Washington on April 12, 1947. The name of the bulletin will be **CATHOLIC MEN** and the publication date of the first issue to be approximately the first of September 1947. It is intended by the Directors that the publication will be sent to all the affiliates as well as to pastors. The lay-out of the paper will follow the general lines of the familiar organizational newsletters. Its principle function will be to inform the membership of all the work of the Men's Council and to report activities of special interest that are being accomplished by the several affiliates throughout the United States. Sections will be devoted to Radio, National Organization for Decent Literature, and the Narberth Movement, as well as pertinent information of the work of the various departments of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. Special attention will be given to the Legal Department and the Departments of Education, Catholic Action Study, Social Action and Youth. It is the purpose of **CATHOLIC MEN** to provide a medium that will assist the National Council of Catholic Men in accomplishing its general objectives in relations to the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

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various languages, if desired. The Retreat program is arranged for the enjoyment of the men not only spiritually but also as a peaceful relaxation from the cares of the world. Included in the program is a religious movie, question box, and instructions. In the event of the establishment of a retreat house, it was suggested that there be a governing body of lay men with members of the clergy to help plan and conduct retreats. A captain is assigned for each retreat. He is responsible for getting men to attend and is in charge of the group during the exercises. To supplement need for the greatest phase of Catholic Action, namely, the spiritual side, the Committee decided on the idea of the Rosary Pledge. The results have been astounding and each Deanery reports thousands of men saying the Rosary each week for the furtherance of Catholic Action in the Archdiocese.

Men's Discussion Clubs have been formed. These are growing rapidly and now total approximately 100 in the San Antonio area. The Youth Program reports were given. Catholic Youth Athletic Associations, Catholic Boy Scout Troops, Boys Bands, Youth Clubs for social and recreational activities, Youth Sponsors, Catholic Baseball League have been formed in the various deaneries and parishes. They are proving most successful in helping to overcome juvenile delinquency. Teams of basketball, softball and baseball have been organized; in one district alone, there are 30 teams with 300 boys participating. One parish has the unique practice of calling children to Mass by the members of the band marching through the streets of the parish. A number of the deaneries have sent delegates to the Summer School of Catholic Action with all expenses paid. Enlightening reports have been received of the wonderful work being accomplished in the spiritual life of the youth. Many have returned to the Faith, conversions have been made and monthly Mass and Communion has been encouraged. The youth, in turn, have spread the good work to their parents.

It was recommended that a Youth Representative be appointed in each parish for the purpose of interesting the men of the parish in youth programs. Projects that could be inaugurated are: recreational facilities, such as baseball diamonds, basketball courts, etc. Donations can be made to the projects by attendance at the games and giving moral and financial support. Dances and parties for "teen age" groups could also be given.

In the larger cities, it was suggested that clubs be organized for the public school children, although considerable thought must be given to such a plan. In the rural districts, the 4-H Club would play an important part in bringing its members to their parish churches. Youth Club

members must be trained to influence other less fortunate youngsters, the first step towards overcoming juvenile delinquency. The National Organization for Decent Literature and the Legion of Decency reports were most encouraging. It is the charge of the N.O.D.L. Representative to watch and check the magazine distributors in his parish. This has been done by many of the Representatives in the San Antonio district and their findings are reported to the Police Commissioner's office. There is a city ordinance which makes it unlawful to exhibit, lend, give away or sell any literature that is immoral. In this way, the distributors are relatively free from objectionable literature in that area. The Legion of Decency has secured the cooperation of the Protestant organizations which has been a definite asset in obtaining good, moral motion pictures. Plans have been made to form a Committee which is non-sectarian (members from all churches) to censor the pictures and keep indecent pictures from being shown in the San Antonio Region.

The business meeting was followed by a banquet at which the President of the National Council of Catholic Men, Hon. John Willard Babcock of Michigan, was guest speaker. Most Reverend Robert E. Lucey, Archbishop of San Antonio, gave the benediction. Very Reverend Anthony F. Drozd, archdiocesan moderator, was the toastmaster. An informal gathering of all the men with Mr. Babcock was held following the banquet.

Month by Month With the N.C.W.C.

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transfer of the former executive director, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick A. O'Boyle, to his new post of executive director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York.

Monsignor Swanstrom has served as assistant executive director of the organization since its inception in August, 1943, and in this capacity helped in the development of the world-wide program of relief and welfare carried out in 48 countries of the world. He was instrumental in the establishment of a broad program of assistance to prisoners of war, and, after the end of hostilities, in the development of the supplementary relief program for displaced persons in Germany, Austria and Italy. He has also directed the establishment of Catholic maritime clubs for merchant seamen in the large ports of the United States and in six foreign countries.

During the past four years, War Relief Services, N.C.W.C., aided by all Catholic dioceses in the United States, has shipped 132,821,590 pounds of relief materials to war-devastated areas throughout the world.

It is continuing large civilian relief programs in Austria, China, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Poland and Romania, and welfare services have been extended to displaced persons in Germany, Austria and Italy, and to the Polish refugees in Mexico, the Middle East, East Africa, India and England.

RADIO SCHEDULE—AUGUST, 1947

THE CATHOLIC HOUR

Sundays, 6:00 P. M., E.D.T.
NBC Network

Louis F. Budenz
Fordham University

"THE CHURCH AND LABOR"

August 3, "Our Last Chance"
August 10, "Neither Justice nor Humanity"
August 17, "Two Camps and Two Ways"
August 24, "Over Sixty Years"
August 31, "Shadow of Slavery"

*Music for pipe organ and assisting soloist,
Albin D. McDermott, organist*

THE HOUR OF FAITH

Sundays, 11:30 A.M., E.D.T.
ABC Network

Rev. Francis J. McPhillips

"YOUTH AND THE CHURCH"

August 3, "Youth Asks About Religion."
August 10, "Youth Asks About Faith."
August 17, "Youth Asks About the Church."
August 24, "Youth Asks About the Home."
August 31, "Youth Asks About the Future."

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FAITH IN OUR TIME

Thursdays, 10:15-10:30 A.M., E.D.T.
Mutual Network

Rev. L. F. Cervantes, S.J.

"TRUTHS FOR TODAY"

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August 14, "Back to Christ."
August 21, "Malice of Sin."
August 28, "God Loves You."

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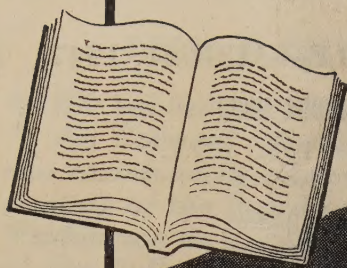
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